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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone steady to fully steady on hens and toms, instances firm on lighter weight hens and private label toms. Light to moderate trading of whole birds moved for prompt arrivals. Parts and meats trading slow, with most interest coming from the export area.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading generally slow. Inquiry coming from a variety of regions for exports. The trade sentiment generally steady. Offerings moderate but held with confidence.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 08, 2000**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	69	69.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	70	70.00	600	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	66	66.00	800	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	70-71	70.33	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	70	70.00	680	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	67	67.00	200	-	-	-	-	-

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JUNE 09, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	69.00	68.00**
CENTRAL REGION	69.80	69.00	68.00
WESTERN REGION	70.00	69.50**	68.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	66.20**	65.00	69.00**
CENTRAL REGION	65.50	64.25**	69.75
WESTERN REGION	66.20	65.25**	71.50

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-75

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	86-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-102

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 12-JUN-2000

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	74.85 142	71.00 40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	74.85 142	71.00 40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-May-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>			<u>WT</u>
N EAST	1,143	234	21.86	NONE	NONE	1,143	21.86
S ATL	676	4	30.44	(A)	(A)	681	30.43
N CENT	2,367	6	29.14	(A)	(A)	2,376	29.12
S CENT	719	70	17.74	NONE	NONE	719	17.74
WEST	239	19	24.04	NONE	NONE	239	24.04
U.S.TOTAL	5,144(B)	2	25.86	0	14	5,158	25.86
TO DATE							
2000	96,947(B)			119	782	97,848	
TO DATE							
1999	99,382(B)			27	656	100,065	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 3,000 for the year 328,000; last year to date 322,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 27-May-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
		<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	5,141	3	14	5,158
AVG WT	25.85	28.00	25.43	25.86
LAST WEEK	3,837	8	55	3,900
YR AGO	4,580	13	38	4,631
AVG WT	25.06	26.46	26.00	25.07
TO-DATE/2000	96,738	328	782	97,848
TO-DATE/1999	99,087	322	656	100,065

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 27,000 in 1999.

****NOTE:** Effective June 15, Slaughter of Young Turkeys will be reported as Young Hens and Young Toms. This will include separate data on the number of birds slaughtered and average live weights with comparisons to last week and the same week a year ago. In addition, turkey slaughter data will be reported one week earlier.**

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 27-May-2000

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 239 HD, 5,746 LBS,
TO DATE 5,036 HD, 123,741 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 81 HD;
TOTAL 239 HD, TO DATE 5,175 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

APRIL	395,746 *
MAY 1-27, 2000	518,177 *
To date 2000	2,188,434 *
To date 1999	2,047,310 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 JUNE 2000.

Bulk parts trade sentiment generally steady on necks, wings and drums steady to instances firm. However, continued buyer resistance is noted by some exporters concerning the higher trending drum offering prices. Bulk parts demand light to fair on necks, light to good on wings and drums with the best interest noted in the East. Trading light. Some spot premiums were noted on tom drums with trading noted at 31 cents delivered on a partial container for export. Offerings of tom necks light to fully adequate, drums and tom 2-joint wings short to light and held with confidence, hen 2-joint wings and tails light at best. Grade A non-basted 10-12 lb. breasts (part load) 115 delivered close by, plant grade breasts(part loads): 8-10 lb. basted 95, 10-12 lb. 121 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	104.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	100.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	23.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.50-25.00		24.17	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	21.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	44.00		44.00	49
NECKS, TOM		W	13.00	80
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	168.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	172.68	380
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	58.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	120.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		F	144.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	154.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	176.00		176.00	48
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	44.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.88	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	21.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	104
TAILS		W	24.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	60.51	106

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 09 JUNE 2000.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat steady to barely steady and fresh destrapped tenderloins steady at best. Slower than anticipated further processed demand and good growing conditions in some parts of the country have resulted in adequate to fully adequate offerings of fresh tom breast meat. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins adequate with increased availability noted, frozen fully adequate. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to barely steady with some noting offers of frozen at lower trending price levels. Demand light. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) trade sentiment mixed with some seeing strength on fresh for late June and early July shipments and on frozen for export. Others, however, are moving excess MST to pet foods. Wing meat with skin steady with some noting increased activity.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	104.00	80	104.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	98.00-101.00		98.69	52	98.69	372
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	240	25.76	425
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	23.50	80	23.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	24.17	120	24.20	125
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	19.00	12	19.46	179
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	21.00	3	21.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	24.00	2	23.29	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	44.00	49	43.91	54
NECKS, TOM		W	13.00	80	13.22	90
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	5	15.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	168.00	120		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	174.00		174.00	40	172.89	450
THIGH MEAT		R	62.00	2	60.10	42
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00		58.00	40	58.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	120.00	160	120.00	180
SCAPULA MEAT	95.00-104.00		99.50	80	99.50	80
TENDERLOINS	137.00		137.00	10	137.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	154.50	80	154.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	174.00		174.00	20	175.41	68
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	44.00	40	44.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40	13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.88	160	17.36	560

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	120	26.24	334
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.55	362	20.61	416
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	104	25.00	104
TAILS	22.00		22.00	104	23.07	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	200	13.49	824
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	60.51	106	60.75	210

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